

June 26, 2008

Ms. Sharon Fang
Remedial Project Manager (3HS21)
U.S. EPA Region III
1650 Arch Street
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania 19103-2029

**Re: Metal Bank Cottman Avenue NPL Site
Revised Remedial Action Schedule**

Dear Ms. Fang:

In accordance with paragraph 109 of the "Utility Group Consent Decree," we are submitting with this letter a revised project schedule from Tetra Tech EC, Inc. for the remedial action ("RA") and related activities at the Metal Bank Cottman Avenue NPL Site (the "Site"). This schedule modifies the RA schedule submitted with the final Remedial Action Work Plans approved by EPA effective April 28, 2008. Please review the enclosed schedule and, if acceptable to EPA, provide us with a written confirmation of such acceptance. If you have questions or request additional changes to the schedule, please contact me at your earliest convenience.

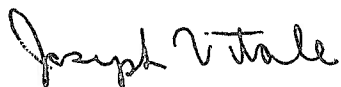
We also wish to bring to your attention an issue concerning sequencing of the RA work at the Site. During our Site visit on April 28, 2008, Raymond Lees of Malcolm Pirnie briefly discussed with you the possibility of modifying the work sequencing requirements so that the upland and river work could commence independent of installing the sheet pile wall. By way of background, the Remedial Design submittal of April 9, 2008 provides that the sheet pile wall be installed prior to excavating in SA-4/5 to prevent surface erosion from entering the nearby tidal mudflats. We believe that the approved erosion control plan that already requires the installation of silt fences along the mudflat and Delaware River Site boundaries already adequately accomplishes this objective. The Group's view is that only in the event that excavation in SA-4/5 expanded toward the tidal mudflat as outlined in the Revised Remedial Plan of June 29, 2004, would the sheet pile along the mudflat side need to be completed and in-place prior to completing the SA-4/5 excavation. Sequencing the work such that Southern Area excavations may proceed before the sheet pile wall installation is completed will increase the likelihood that Tetra Tech can complete the upland work and the remaining remedy components this construction season.

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Please contact John Dobi (973/430-8036) or me (781/213-4930) if you need additional information regarding this submission.

Very truly yours,

MALCOLM PIRNIE, INC.



Joseph P. Vitale, PE, L.S.P.
Project Director

Cc: Cottman Avenue PRP Group
Dan J. Jordanger, Esquire
Jeffrey N. Martin, Esquire

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Enclosure

Activity ID	Activity Description	Orig Dur	Early Start	Early Finish	% Comp	<div>2007</div> <div>J F M A M J J A S O N D</div> <div>2008</div> <div>J F M A M J J A S O N D</div> <div>2009</div> <div>J F M A M J</div>											
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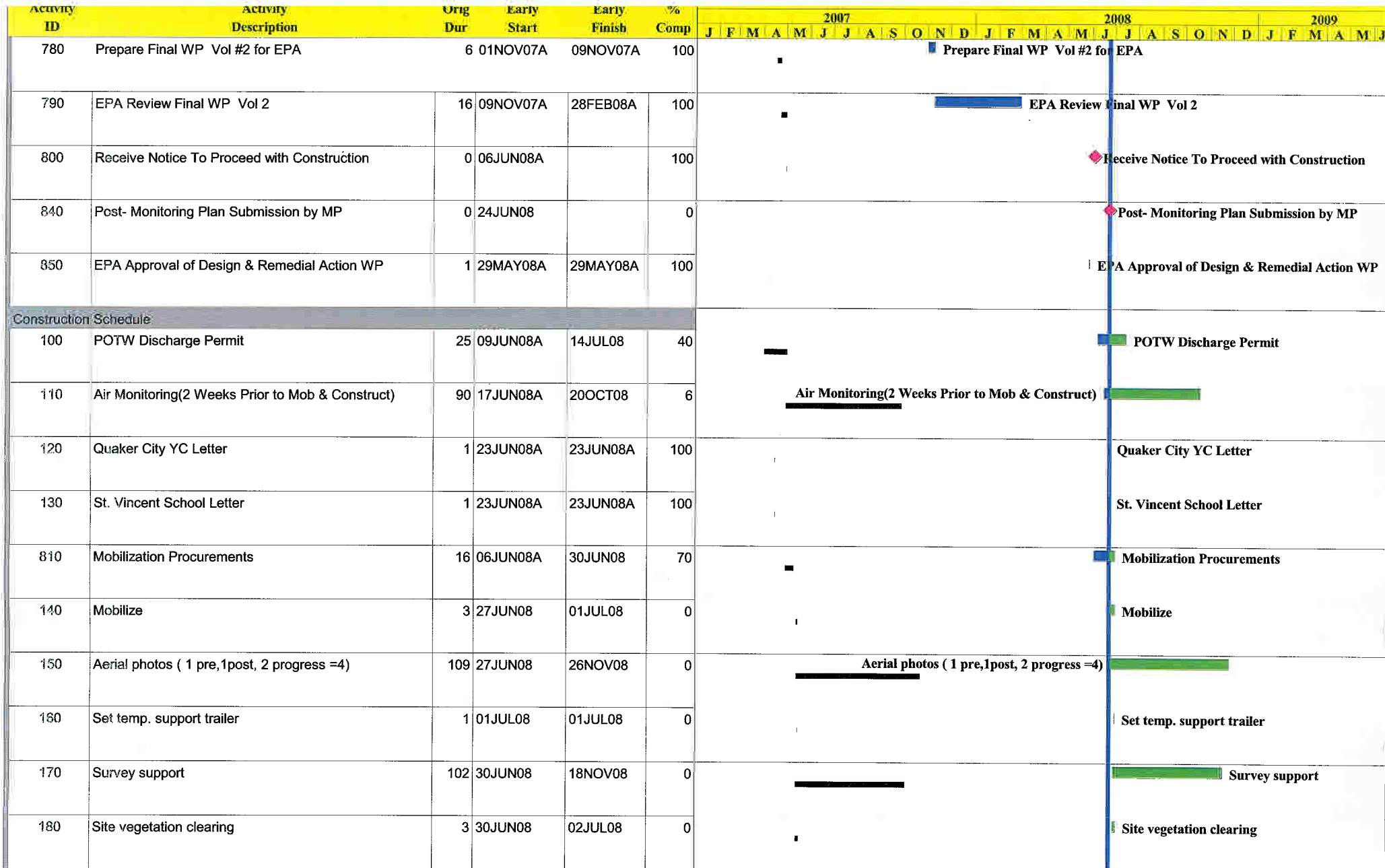
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Metal Bank NPL Site

Construction Schedule



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